



Hearts for Zambia

your opportunity to make a difference
for vulnerable children and families

November 2013

Progress at Tetekela

When we started Hearts for Zambia in 2008 our mission was to support the work of the Sisters of the Child Jesus as they ministered to children and youth orphaned by HIV and AIDS. Our original focus was to provide emergency food and to improve sanitation for children at the Tetekela Day Center.

When the Sisters first took over responsibility for the children, HFZ funds were used primarily for food and sanitation. Once these most basic needs were met, the Sisters turned their attention to the education of the children. One of the main barriers to school attendance was the lack of state-approved uniforms.

Since that time, the Sisters purchased fabric and now use the industrial sewing machine provided by HFZ to produce school uniforms so all the children can attend school with only the preschool children remaining at Tetekela during the day.

Over the past five years through your contributions the Sisters have been able to move beyond meeting urgent needs into programs aimed at long-term sustainability for children and the community as a whole. The Sisters are continuing to teach life-skills to the 132 children at Tetekela.

Sister Baptista's progress report on page two shares how the programs are providing increased food production and financial support for the Tetekela children.



*Watch for a letter coming soon
about year-end giving!*

Please join Hearts for Zambia where we will have items available at the
St. Leo's / Urban Grace Fair Trade Fair
at the Catholic Community Services building, 1323 S. Yakima in Tacoma.

Fair hours are:

- Friday, Nov. 22 from 4-7pm
- Saturday, Nov. 23 from 1-7pm
- Sunday, Nov. 24 from 9am-2pm

Featured this year will be bags sewn by the children of Tetekela, aprons made from Zambian fabric, jewelry, fabric, and cards from local artist Gavin MacHutchin.

Progress Report from Sister Baptista

- Food production is up.
- We have increased livestock production (chickens, goats, pigs, rabbits). Goats are purchased but waiting for pens to be completed. As soon as a shelter for a caretaker is built, the wires will be fixed and goats will be brought in.
- Electricity poles have been erected at D30 farm. This will bring a lot of change and activities. The first impact will be to improve the water supply. We still need a pump and a tank.
- Funding still needed to build the dormitories. We will continue to apply for grants.

Thanks HFZ and all the benefactors for your efforts to assist us in our work with children. Last week we had to ask some of our workers to stop coming because we did not have enough money to buy food and have the extra cash to pay the workers. The funds you sent arrived just in time and we were able pay them, buy food for our children, and have some cash to pay workers to help with completing the harvest. God is always good.



This year we have had a good harvest of maize at our farm to help us in feeding our children. 100 bags of maize have been reserved for feeding and 250 will be sold for the running of the farm and for buying clothes for children.

Going Green

Thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal to receive newsletters via email. We want to continue to reduce our postage costs so please contact us to sign up by emailing hfvzp@wamail.net.



Children happy with the harvest



The purchase of the three-ton truck was made possible with the help of Hilton Foundation, HFZ and other friends. This has made our trips to the farm easier and made it possible to collect food and materials needed at the Center. Children at the Center are happy to receive a truck. They want to be driven around. This is a treasure to the children at the Center!

Please find enclosed my gift to help the Sisters of the Child Jesus care for the children who come to them for help every day.

My gift is \$ _____ (Your donation is 100% tax-deductible.)

Name: _____

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Our mission is to support and promote the work of the Sisters of the Child Jesus in meeting the critical and long-term needs of orphans, vulnerable children, and families in the Northern Province of Zambia, Africa